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The foregoing documents were cited in the European Search Report in Applicants' European Application EP 00 123 247. A copy of the European Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

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